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In re application of

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FILMS AND ARTICLES ENCAPSULATED THEREIN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification by inserting, before the first line, the following sentence:

This application is a continuation of copending application 09/187,715 filed November 6, 1998.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. A halogen-free, multilayered heat shrink film comprising (A) a core layer comprising a copolymer of ethylene or propylene with an alpha olefin containing from about 3 to about 12 carbon atoms, the core having an upper and lower surface, (B) a skin layer on the upper surface of the core